



Wondering what we do with EITC Funds?

The Allentown School District Foundation is an approved Educational Improvement Organization (EIO) through the Pennsylvania State Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) program. We are approved for programs in the Arts, Dance and Music, Civic Education, Literacy, and Science Fair. In the 2018-2019 school year, the Allentown School District Foundation directly impacted more than 10,000 Allentown School District students with innovative, enriched programming. Each of the next two years were significantly impacted by Covid-related school closures and health and safety protocols that limited programming. We are eager to resume normal programming that includes these EITC-approved highlights:

Elementary Programs

With students representing over 50 countries, learning English early is a priority. The ASDF is recruiting volunteer readers to support the district's **Kindergarten Reading Program**. With background checks and a little training, volunteers help make a positive, statistical difference in student literacy.

The Renaissance **Artist-in-Residence** program blends the visual arts with integrated studies in history, culture and civic education, providing art opportunities for approximately 760 elementary students from seven schools in a given year. Mural programs are also being conducted in all schools to create a unified image for a future installation. The high schools and middle schools have completed their panels.

Based on ASD teacher Janice Altieri's book, **An Allentown Adventure**, 4th and 5th grade students visit historical sites and cultural landmarks, learning about their city and expressing it through the art of field drawing.

The ASDF supports many **Music** programs, providing opportunities for students to learn to play and to perform. Elementary students are exposed to the Flutophone with the hope of inspiring their interest in learning to play violin, viola, cello, brass, woodwind and percussion instruments.



Secondary Programs

The Science Fair teaches students the scientific method of inquiry and discovery as they develop original projects and prepare to compete in the largest intra-district science fair in the Valley. In 2018-19, 636 Students from Allen, Dieruff, Trexler, Raub, Harrison-Morton and South Mountain participated in the 7th annual ASD Science Fair and 125 students competed in the PA Junior Academy of Science program.

EITC funds are given as flexible grants to **dance, vocal & instrumental music, poetry, and theatre** groups at the District's middle and high schools.

The ASDF funded a **MS Videography** program in spring of 2017. Twenty Trexler students created videos featuring aspects of their school. Students learned to storyboard, conduct interviews, videotape and edit – essential skills in the digital age.

The **MS Strings** program supported 30 string musicians at Raub MS in 2018-2019, providing weekly meetings with professional string musicians and the opportunity to play weekly as an integrated group. The program continues learning for young musicians from the ASD's 14 elementary schools as they transition to middle school. Middle school students learn

Latin dances like the salsa, merengue and bachata each year as part of the **Latin Dance Lessons & Competition**. The program culminates in a head-to-head dance competition between the middle schools in November.

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